



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 2, 2023
Schedule 13

PLEASE NOTE: February 10 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 9.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 2, 2023

HB 546 **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

EDUCATION – SERVICE YEAR OPTION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (SERVING EVERY REGION THROUGH VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Service Year Option Program; requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to administer and provide staff for the Program; requiring a Program participant to work at least 30 hours per week and partner with an on-site mentor while working in a service placement; requiring a participating employer to pay a Program participant \$15 per hour; authorizing the Department to disburse a stipend of up to \$3,000 to a Program participant who completes a service placement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 24-11A-01 through 24-11A-07 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 547 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**FAMILY PROSPERITY ACT OF 2023**

Altering the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income tax credit under certain circumstances; repealing a certain limitation on the amount certain individuals may claim as a refund under the credit; altering the definition of “qualified child” and income eligibility requirements for purposes of qualifying for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-704 and 10-751 and Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2021, §§ 2 and 3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 548 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**FINANCIAL REGULATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ACCESS TO BANKING ACT)**

Authorizing the establishment of a Community Investment Venture Fund by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation for purposes of developing opportunities for banking institutions and credit unions to better serve the needs of low-to moderate-income tracts; providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions that establish de novo branches or maintain branches in certain areas; authorizing the use of the Banking Institution and Credit Union Regulation Fund for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

FI, §§ 2-118, 5-203, and 6-712 - amended and § 2-118.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 549 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**FAIR WAGE ACT OF 2023**

Increasing the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on annual growth in a certain consumer price index; altering the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the minimum wage rate; and repealing the requirement that the Governor’s budgets for certain fiscal years include certain provider rate increases.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, §§ 7-307, 16-201.3, and 16-201.4 and LE, §§ 3-413 and 3-413.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 550 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY PROGRAMS – MODIFICATIONS (CLEAN TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY ACT)**

Altering the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Program by extending the duration of the Program through fiscal year 2026, repealing the rebates that may be issued to retail service station dealers, and repealing the limitation on the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue in each fiscal year; altering the definition of “grant” for purposes of the Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Zero–Emission Vehicle Grant Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9-2009, 9-2011, and 9-20B-05(g),(i), and (l) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 551 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**BROADBAND EXPANSION INCENTIVE ACT OF 2023**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualified broadband grants awarded during the taxable year for broadband deployment; and providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain equipment related to providing Internet service and deploying broadband.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 10-207(oo), 10-307(g)(7), and 11-245 - added and § 10-307(g)(5) and (6) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 552 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM AND FUND (INNOVATION ECONOMY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program in the Department of Commerce to provide funding for certain costs for infrastructure projects in eligible technology sectors; requiring certain grantees to provide matching funds and to demonstrate certain abilities; and establishing the Build Our Future Grant Fund as a continuing, nonlapsing fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EC, § 5-102 - amended and §§ 5-2301 thru 5-2307 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. & 171. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 553 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (HEALTH CARE FOR HEROES ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department for the Department to award grants to reimburse certain members of the National Guard for the cost of premiums for certain health care and dental care plans; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations to administer and implement the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 13-411 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 554 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)

Increasing the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals, regardless of age, for certain military service to \$25,000 for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2022, and \$40,000 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 555 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS

Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary